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USSR MAKES LOCOMOTIVES FOR NORTH KOREA

TWO ALREADY DELIVERED -- Leninskoye Znamya, 12 May 50

The Petrozavodsk Onega Plant is making narrow-gauge internal-combustion locomotives for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The first two of these locomotives have already been shipped to Korea.

SOVIET ENGINEER DIRECTS PLANT CONSTRUCTION -- Minju Chosun, 5_Oct, 49

The construction of the contact-process sulfuric acid plant of the Hungnam Fertilizer Factory was completed on 30 September 1949 after 13 months of construction work, at a cost of 3,300,000,000 won and 75,000 man-hours, under the direction of Soviet engineer Kusukov /approximation of Russian name/. This plant, a 2,500-cubic-meter structure, contains a "Bethal" /possibly cooling system/ room, storeroom, circulation room, oxidation room, electric furnace room, etc. The plant manufactures concentrated sulfuric acid.

HELPS FERTILIZER PRODUCTION -- Nodong Simmun, 7 Dec 49

The Hungmam Fertilizer Factory has been receiving much technical assistance from the USSR. For example, Kuchukov approximation of Russian name/, a well-known specialist on sulfuric acid, has contributed monthly valuable assistances in the production of ammonium sulfate fertilizer at this factory He has shown himself to be an efficiency expert as well, having reorganized the work force scientifically and thereby increased production 280 percent. At the contact-process sulfuric acid plant which was completed in September 1949, he helped to improve the "Bethal start" device, and also to eliminate many production bottlenecks throughout the plant. He is a very popular man around the shop. He conducts technical training classes daily for the benefit of the workers.

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